

THE READING CLUB.

Many thanks to those who have kindly sent in reading lists.

"A Tropical Dependency," Lady Lugard.

Begins with some masterly chapters on the history of Northern Africa and its connexion with Spain.

"Life and Matter," Sir Oliver Lodge.

Most interesting as allowing a measure of "personality" to things and places.

"The Courtships of Queen Elizabeth," Martin Hume.

Very fair, and showing up the diplomacy of the time.

Recommendation of Books.

I find that parents are not always willing to purchase Nature Note Books either for themselves or their children at our price. May I draw the attention of students to the Nature Note Books of Harger Bros., Manufacturers of Scientific Apparatus, Settle, Yorks. The cheap N. N. Books cost 3d., 6d., and 9d. each respectively, and contain ruled exercise cream laid paper and cartridge paper alternated, stiff sides, cloth backs.

E. THOMASSETT.

Here is a book which will be found useful in teaching. "Makers of Europe," E. M. Wilmot-Buxton. (Methuen). 3/6.

Also a most un-P.N.E.U. little French book which my small boy loves.

"French Without Tears," Mrs. Hugh Bell. (Edward Arnold, 9d).

It is a series of short, *very* short stories, each with a picture, and each new word is put at the head of the lesson without its English equivalent.

Books on the present period of History which I have found useful are Prescott's

"Charles V."

"Philip II. and Ferdinand and Isabella."

For picturesque (rather too picturesque), detail Froude's History is very entertaining. There is an account of Mary's sojourn at Framlingham in "Highways and By-ways of East Anglia," and if anyone wishes to be thrilled with horrors, pictorial and otherwise, they might study Ainsworth's "Tower of London," with illustrations by Cruikshank.

Quotations.

"Into the Highways and Hedges," by F. F. Montessor.

"Increased capabilities of joy mean also increased capabilities of grief; but after all roses are worth their thorns, even in this world."

Criticism. A stirring novel, helpful, wonderfully written, containing most vivid descriptions of persons and places. Published by Hutchinson and Co. (6d. Edition).

"Elizabeth's Children."

Criticism. A novel well worth reading by all lovers of children. It contains an account of the doings of three Anglo-French boys who are staying with their uncle in England during the absence of their parents. The children are very original and natural.

"Studies in Northern Literature," by Edmund Gosse.

"Makers of Florence," by Mrs. Oliphant.

"Men and Books," by R. L. Stevenson.

"A Modern Campaign" or War and Wireless Telegraphy in the Far East, by David Fraser, "Times" Correspondent with Kuroki's Division during the last War.

"Russia as it really is," by Carl Joubert.

"The little Shepherd of Kingdom come," John Fox, Junior.

A tale of Kentucky during the American Civil War.

"The Sky Pilot," Ralph Connor.

"Glengarry Days," do.

"The Man from Glengarry," do.

Tales of the Canadian backwoods and foothills.

"Arne," from the Norwegian of Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson.

"A Happy Boy," do. do.

"Love and life in Norway," do.

"The Fisher Maiden," do.

Tales of village life in Norway.

"The Old Domion," Mary Johnson.

"Audrey," do.

"By Order of the Company," do.

Tales of old Virginia.

Historical.

"Social Life in England," (2 vols.) by Finnemore.

Quite invaluable for use alongside of History books.

"Henry VIII. and the Monasteries," Gasquet.

A strong light on the Reformation.